

## TRICKS AND TREATS

For Members of the Columbia Duplicate Bridge Club

(Calendar On-line at [columbia.bridge-club.org](http://columbia.bridge-club.org))

**Our Birthday party** for July was hosted by **Joyce Lauterbach** and enjoyed by all. My partner and I spread joy and happiness where ever we went. The event was an NAP qualifier with four pairs going down to the final hand with a chance to win. The narrow victory goes to **Bob Webb** and new returnee **Cynthia Cone!**

N/S	North American Pairs Qualifying 14 tables		E/W
1) Madylin Dybvik/Irma Murray	192.5	Bob Webb/Cynthia Cone	193.5
2) Jay Shahani/Sue Harrington	191.5	Luanne Edwards/Annie Hawkins	173.5
3) Ellie Hack/Fran Jenkins	189.00	Harold Moore/Bill Charlwood	173.00
4) Francis Robinson/Zan Edmunds	186.0	Roni Keisler/DaMaris Rorie	169.5
5) Butch Maybin/Jack Wilkinson	171.0	Marj Edens/Lil Hopkins	166.0

**We need some party people still-sign up** to bring a cake for one of the birthday parties coming up. See the sheet on the club bulletin board.

We have a sort of problem at some large games-notably Tuesday and Friday. With 14-17 tables in play, the temperature gets a little dicey sometimes. In order to keep some areas from getting really too warm, some tables are in the direct draft of the A/C. That's the way it goes. Some people like it cool-some like it warm. If you want to play N/S, get there early to claim your spot. This is why I like to play E/W-you're never in a less than desirable spot for more than 2-3 boards.

**While we're on the subject of playing conditions:** The directors run the games, they are not your maids. When the game is over, you are supposed to clean up your own table. Put the bidding boxes back in the tub, also the drink trays. Bring the boards and table cards to the director's desk. **Then throw away all your trash accumulated through the round-cups, papers plates and wrappers.** The Center only sets up and breaks down our tables-we are responsible for clean-up!

**No games at the club or TriCity during the tournament August 4-7. See you at Dent.** Flyers for the tournament are available at the director's desk every club game. Special notice: There is an IMP pair game on Thursday night-I like this because there isn't a big penalty for missing an overtrick; the important part is getting to the contract and then **making it!** There is a compact KO team event starting Friday morning and concluding Friday afternoon (four 12 board matches if you make it to the finals). The regular KO teams start Friday evening and finish up on Saturday. There are Stratified pair games and 299 games all day Friday and Saturday. Sunday of course is Open and 299'er Swiss team.

Congratulations: Jr. Master **Jim Miles** Club Master **Mike Stockdell** NABC Master **Francis Robinson, Frances Potter**

**"All that contract needed besides 2 of 3 finesses working was the outstanding Queen-Jack fifth of trump to split 2-2."**

Sold their house: **Rick and Mary Giles**. They plan to be in Springfield Mo. By Aug. 19. They were fun people and we're going to miss them at the club. Their email and phone are still the same as the phone list. Good luck in your new location folks!

So, you don't want to expand your bridge system or put any work into your game. Hmmmm. Consider your clothes closet. One long bar with a bunch of wire hangers. Like point count bidding. That's the basics-but all it does is get you started. How about two bars-high and low; wouldn't you like some tiered hangers you could hang half a dozen shirts in the space formerly used by just one? How about tiered hangers with clips for half a dozen pairs of pants and a coat over the top? Tired of looking for two shoes that match out of the 75 on the floor? And where is #76 anyway? How about a tie rack instead of just using a hanger to flop them all over-and watching them spill onto the floor most days when you pull one off? Padded hangers? Slotted? Those closet improvements take time and effort-but most people will agree they are very worth-while. So read the bridge magazines-and the daily bridge columns in the paper. Come early to the game and talk it over with your partner.

**Conversation with my partner:** "I like to play with you because you know when to pass. How are you missing these today?" Me: "Well the converse is that I know when to bid and double instead of pass. You bid a four card suit where I expected only five (or more) and another you bid a King, two Queens and a Jack like a well structured 10+. How am I supposed to judge well in those situations? Like the computer guys say-garbage in=garbage out." A player has to think about what his partner is going to think he has before he makes a call. Your partner has to trust your bids-opponents don't-and won't. It's much easier and more destructive to fool partner.

The cup races run from June 1 2011 through May 31,2012. The leaders in the various categories are listed below. (as of July 21). The usual suspects are lurking in the top 10. Well, not in the Centurion where there is a lot of 'aging out' every year as players go over 100 master points. And somehow-not me either. My partners don't seem to be playing as well as they did the last few years. Come on guys! Get serious! (3 "A" players in the top Open category)

**Sol Lourie Open** 1) Bob Webb (25.22) 2) Zan Edmunds (24.05) 3) Jay Shahani (23.22) 4) Jack Wilkinson (21.59) 5) Harriet Blasetti (21.13) 6) Leck Mason (20.97) Pat Webb (19.98) 8) Marianne Murphy (19.47) 9) Hap Neuffer (18.83) 10) Francis Robinson (16.64)

<b>Henry Mills 0-2000</b>		<b>Coleman Farrell Non-LM</b>		<b>Centurion Cup 0-100</b>	
1) Zan Edmunds	24.05	Leck Mason	20.97	Mary Ivey	10.18
2) Jay Shahani	23.22	Francis Robinson	16.64	Jerry Love	8.61
3) Jack Wilkinson	21.59	Arnold Levinson	14.90	Mike Stockdell	8.81
4) Harriet Blasetti	21.13	Jim Willrodt	13.22	Sheryl Rhdoen	7.42
5) Leck Mason	20.97	Mary Ivey	10.18	Ellen Kuperman	6.51
6) M. Murphy	19.47	Jack Self	9.76	Irv Kuperman	5.35
7) F. Robinson	16.64	Roberta Case	9.70	Lauren Alewxander	5.14
8) Arnold Levinson	14.90	Jerry Love	9.61	Julie Field	5.12
9) Abduhl Ghaffar	13.46	Cynthia Cone	9.39	James Bass	5.03
10) Mary Townhill	13.28	C. Swarthout	8.92	Beronica Whisnant	4.96

**"Put your hand in Mine. Walk with Me this day."** Johnny Cash "Brother Love's Traveling Salvation Show"



August 2011

*Columbia Bridge Club*

Done	Priority	Description	Due Date
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/4-8/7 Palmetto Sectional	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/4-8/7 No games at CSC	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/11 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/13 Open NAP-Birthday Party	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/18 8 is enough teams	
<input type="checkbox"/>		8/25 Individual Charity game	
<input type="checkbox"/>		NAP qualifying all month	
<input type="checkbox"/>		Supervised play every Wed. 6:30	

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday																																																																																											
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